

(i) 2 percent for pears which are affected by decay.

(ii) 5 percent for pears which are infested by worms or have worm holes.

(2) *For off-size.* 5 percent for pears which are smaller than any specified minimum size, and 10 percent for pears larger than any specified maximum size.

DEFINITIONS

§ 51.1351 **Mature.**

Mature means that the pear has reached the stage of maturity which will insure the proper completion of the ripening process.

§ 51.1352 **Handpicked.**

Handpicked means that the pears do not show evidence of having been on the ground.

§ 51.1353 **Firm.**

Firm means that the pear is fairly solid and yields only very slightly to moderate pressure, and is not wilted, shriveled, rubbery or flabby.

§ 51.1354 **Well formed.**

Well formed means that the pear has the shape characteristic of the variety, so that after paring, cutting in halves, and coring, each half of the pear shall be well formed. Bartlett pears shall have at least a fairly well developed neck.

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§ 51.1355 **Damage.**

Damage means any injury or defect which materially affects the processing quality of the fruit. After paring, cutting in halves, and coring, each half of the pear shall be well formed or the pear is considered damaged. Pears showing surface blemishes shall be considered damaged when the injury cannot be completely removed in the ordinary process of paring for commercial use.

§ 51.1356 **Pears grown from late blooms.**

Pears grown from late blooms. Such pears often have excessively long stems

(commonly termed “rat tails”), or may be misshapen or slightly rough. Such pears do not ripen properly for ordinary canning use.

§ 51.1357 **Seriously deformed.**

Seriously deformed means that the pear is so badly misshapen as to cause a loss during the usual commercial preparation for use of over 20 percent, by weight, of the pear in excess of that which would occur if the pear were well formed. Round or apple-shaped pears shall not be considered seriously deformed.

§ 51.1358 **Serious damage.**

Serious damage means any injury or defect which cannot be removed during the usual commercial preparation for use without a loss of over 20 percent, by weight, of the pear in excess of that which would occur if the pear were not defective.

§ 51.1359 **Diameter.**

Diameter means the greatest dimension of the pear taken at right angles to a line running from the stem to the blossom end.

Subpart—United States Standards for Grades of Pecans in the Shell ¹

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GRADES

§ 51.1400 **U.S. No. 1.**

“U.S. No. 1” consists of pecans in the shell which meet the following requirements:

- (a) Free from loose extraneous or foreign material.
- (b) Shells are: (1) Fairly uniform in color; and,
- (2) Free from damage by any cause.
- (c) Kernels are: (1) Free from damage by any cause.

¹Packing of the product in conformity with the requirements of these standards shall not excuse failure to comply with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act or with applicable State laws and regulations.